Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of:)
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Creation of a Low Power Radio Service) MM Docket No. 99-25
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Amendment of Service and Eligibility) MB Docket No. 07-172
Rules for FM Broadcast Translator Stations)

Comments of Tennessee Citizen Action

Tennessee Citizen Action works in the public interest as Tennessee's premier consumer rights organization. Our mission is to work tirelessly to improve the overall health, well-being, and quality of life for all people who live and work in Tennessee. We have a 15-year legacy of victories in managed care consumer protections, improved workplace conditions, and campaign finance and lobbying reform. We also have a 15-year legacy of promoting participatory democracy and civic engagement.

Tennessee Citizen Action is based in Nashville, not far from WRFN, a community-run low power FM radio station. Thanks to WRFN, Nashvillians know how powerful community radio can be. Yet despite WRFN's impact on the community surrounding Nashville, the station can't be heard in city itself. Nashville needs more community voices on the air like those on WRFN. We need additional stations that can bring to us the information we need to more fully and knowledgeably participate in our democracy, support Nashville's treasured musical heritage, and share information during floods and weather emergencies.

We support the proposal filed by the Prometheus Radio Project because, in addition to WRFN in the suburbs of Nashville, we also need community-run stations that we can hear in within the city limits. Under the FCC's planned rules, 55 translator applications would be processed in the Nashville market, taking up available space that could be used by local community organizations. The Prometheus proposal ensures that channels would be reserved for community radio in the city itself.

Please adopt the Prometheus proposal to ensure that Nashville and other cities can take advantage of the Local Community Radio Act and finally have the community radio infrastructure we need - and have waited on for years.

Respectfully submitted,

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